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SUBJECT: IMOS REPORT ON FLUOROCARBON IN THE ENVIRONMENT

FOR HERTER FROM GRANT

1. DUE TO DANGER OF PREMATURE PRESS LEAKS, KEY ELEMENTS OF REPORT BY INTRAGENCY TASK FORCE ON IMOS (INADVERTENT MODIFICATIONS OF STRATOSPHERE) WILL BE RELEASED TO NEWS MEDIA AT PRESS CONFERENCE BY STEVER (NSF) AND PETERSON (CEQ) AT 10:00 A.M. EDT THURSDAY, JUNE 12. SECTIONS CONTAINING PREFACE; EXECUTIVE SUMMARY; AND CONCLUSIONS AND FEDERAL ACTIONS WILL THEN BE DISTRIBUTED TO MEDIA.

2. KEY SECTION OF EXECUTIVE SUMMARY IS FOLLOWING ENTITLED "RECOMMENDED FEDERAL ACTION":

QUOTE THE TASK FORCE HAS CONCLUDED THAT FLUOROCARBON RELEASES TO THE ENVIRONMENT ARE A LEGITIMATE CAUSE FOR CONCERN. MOREOVER, UNLESS NEW SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE IS FOUND TO REMOVE THE CAUSE FOR CONCERN IT WOULD SEEM
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NECESSARY TO RESTRICT USES OF FLUOROCARBONS 11 AND 12 TO REPLACEMENT OF FLUIDS IN EXISTING REFRIGERATION AND AIR-CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT AND TO CLOSED RECYCLED SYSTEMS OR OTHER USES NOT INVOLVING RELEASE TO THE ATMOSPHERE.

THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES IS CURRENTLY CONDUCTING

AN IN-DEPTH SCIENTIFIC STUDY ON MAN-MADE IMPACTS ON THE STRATOSPHERE AND WILL REPORT IN LESS THAN A YEAR. IF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES CONFIRMS THE CURRENT TASK FORCE ASSESSMENT, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE FEDERAL REGULATORY AGENCIES INITIATE RULE-MAKING PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS TO RESTRICT FLUOROCARBON USES. SUCH RESTRICTIONS COULD REASONABLY BE EFFECTIVE BY

JANUARY 1978--A DATE THAT, GIVEN THE CONCERN EXPRESSED NOW, SHOULD ALLOW TIME FOR THE AFFECTED INDUSTRIES AND CONSUMERS TO INITIATE ADJUSTMENTS AND FOR CONSIDERATION OF FURTHER RESEARCH RESULTS.

IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE CHANCE OF UNDULY PENALIZING PRODUCERS AND MARKETERS OF AEROSOL PRODUCTS THAT DO NOT USE F-11 AND F-12, THE TASK FORCE RECOMMENDS THAT THE REGULATORY AGENCIES PROCEED IMMEDIATELY WITH CONSIDERATION OF A REQUIREMENT THAT ALL AEROSOL PRODUCTS USING FLUOROCARBONS BE LABELLED TO INDICATE THEIR FLUOROCARBON CONTENT.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IS STRONGLY URGED INASMUCH AS THE U.S. PRODUCES AND USES ONLY ABOUT ONE-HALF OF THE WORLDWIDE FLUOROCARBONS, AND EFFECTS ON STRATOSPHERIC OZONE FROM GROUND RELEASE TRANSCEND NATIONAL BOUNDARIES. THE STATE DEPARTMENT WILL INITIATE AND COORDINATE A PROGRAM OF INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, COOPERATIVE RESEARCH, AND PROPOSALS FOR INTERNATIONAL ACTION TO HELP BRING ABOUT UNIFORM POLICY ACTIONS ON A WORLDWIDE BASIS. THE U.S. CONCERN WILL BE EXPRESSED AND COORDINATION INITIATED IN THE ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT (OECD), OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND THROUGH BILATERAL CHANNELS. UNQUOTE

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3. DEPARTMENT WILL CABLE ASAP TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE TO BE ISSUED CONCURRENTLY WITH CONVENING OF ABOVE PRESS CONFERENCE. THREE ELEMENTS OF IMOS REPORT TO BE RELEASED TO PRESS JUNE 12 WILL BE FORWARDED BY AIRGRAM TO ALL OECD CAPITALS AND FULL TEXT OF REPORT WILL BE POUCHED SUBSEQUENTLY.

4. DURING COURSE OF OECD ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING USDEL MAY WISH TO INFORM COMMITTEE OF ABOVE DEVELOPMENTS. IF QUESTIONS RAISED RE FUTURE OECD ROLE THIS SUBJECT, USDEL MAY WISH TO SUGGEST THAT AFTER STUDY OF FULL TEXT OF IMOS REPORT, COMMITTEE MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER POSSIBLE FUTURE OACD ROLE. KISSINGER UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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